

SIR JOHN FRANKLIN.—The tardy resolution adopted by the Admiralty with regard to the late Sir John

Franklin and his associates in adventure and misfortune can scarcely have taken even the most determined Arctic dilettante by surprise. Enough, and far more than enough, has been done. The Polar seas have been ransacked in every possible direction, which the ingenuity of the most practised Arctic navigators could suggest, or the courage and skill of our choicest sailors could attain. We had long since incurred

no common share of obloquy by stating that such must be the infallible result of the latter expeditions. The question had been practically decided by the former voyages to Lancaster Sound and Behring's Straits, and by the careful researches which had been instituted on the northern coast of America and the inclement districts which lie over against them. For the purpose of reducing Franklin's safety to an impossibility six years were sufficient. The recent

tions under the direction of Sir Edward Belcher, and the desperate enterprise of Captains Collinson and M'Clure, were not necessary to convince any reasonable and unprejudiced mind that Franklin and his gallant companions were far beyond human help. It must be remembered that the despatch of such expeditions as these upon so desperate a service involves no slight responsibility for those who suggest them,

and for those who adopt the suggestion. It was certain that the object for which they were sent was well nigh visionary; it was certain, also, that the risk of life was enormous to those who were consigned to the rigours of the eternal ice. There is an end, then—as we trust for ever—to the further prosecution of such plans as those which were carried out mainly at the instigation of the late Sir John Barrow. The problem of the north-west passage is solved just in the manner

that might have been expected, and the only inference which can in fairness be drawn from the solution is, that the discovery is perfectly useless for all maritime or commercial purposes. Had the same energy, the same skill, the same money, been devoted to some more rational object in quarters of the globe fit for the habitation of man, what results might we not have obtained ! The two great oceans of the world are still

unconnected at Panama, while since the year 1818 we have been driving expedition after expedition up to the North Pole, and have concluded the series of achievements by the loss of poor Sir John Franklin, and the crews of his two ships. The English whalers perhaps may be induced hereafter to visit the waters to the east of Spitzbergen in search of whales, but of Arctic expeditions we have had more than enough.—*Times*.

CONTENTS OF NEWSPAPERS.—Newspapers contain everything, and are found everywhere. The only difficulty is to read them. The threads of newspaper correspondents enclose the whole world in a network of espionage. Nothing can happen that is not sure to get into a newspaper whilst it is happening, and sometimes before it has happened. It is no idle bluster to say that the eyes of Europe are on you. The eyes of Europe are the newspapers of Europe: and those

same eyes are in every man, woman, and child, whose lives are of the slightest interest outside their own circles. It has been beautifully said of flowers, that they start up in the most unexpected places, where there is hardly a handful of soil, and even where there is none, striking their tender yet vigorous roots into the crevices of the naked rock. The same thing may be said of newspapers. They seem to be

down like certain wild seeds, by the caprice of the winds. Wherever there is a settlement of a dozen people you may look out for a newspaper. The first necessity of a new population is a newspaper. It inverts sometimes the vulgar principle of political economy, which will insist that the demand produces the supply; for it happens with newspapers every now and then that the supply produces the demand. The newspaper of a little colony often comes

into existence before the readers ; some far-sighted speculator being always in advance with an article of consumption which he knows well enough will become indispensable by-and-by. Even New Zealand, while it was yet undergoing the early stages of an excruciating experiment, had a newspaper ; and Hong-Kong, where the fatality of the climate might be supposed to deter any sensible man from risking more

than a month's subscription, has its *Gazette*. Indeed we are not quite sure that a newspaper is not of social instinct. People get up newspapers where there is nobody to read them but themselves. Passengers on a long voyage, who have no news to tell except that which they get from each other, and nobody to tell it to when they get it, frequently amuse themselves by playing at newspapers. This is more remarkable than the most out of the way birth of flowers. A harb-ell

on a rock is not half so surprising as a newspaper on board a ship.—*Frazer's Magazine*.

THE WALL OF A BROKEN HEART.—Some say, "Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all." But oh, no—no! else you have never passed from the shield of a broad true breast, where for long years you have been lovingly folded, to a widow's weeds, and the rude jostling and curious gaze of the

heartless crowd. No! no! or you have never turned shudderingly away, in the crowded street, from the outline of a form, or the cast of a face, or the tone of a voice, that brought the dead mockingly before you! never lain upon a sick bed amongst careless strangers, lacking comforts where luxury once abounded, and listening in vain for that footfall whose lightest tread could charm your pain away! never draped from your

aching sigh the pictured lineaments, that quickened
 busy and torturing memory, till your heart was break-
 ing—never wakened from a dream of paradise, to weep
 unavailing bitter tears at the sad reality. Oh, no—no—
 better to have never loved! Tenfold more gloomy is
 murky day, whose sunny morning was ushered in with
 dazzling golden brightness! Agonising is the death
 struggle of the shipwrecked mariner who perishes in
 the sight of shore and home! Harshly fall careless

words on the ear trained to the music of the loving voice! Wearily stumbled the tender feet unguarded by love's watchful eye! Oh, no—no! better to have never loved! God pity the desolate loving heart, the only star of whose sky has gone out in utter darkness!—*Fanny Fern.*

HEROIC DEVOTION OF A WOMAN.—We read in the *Courrier de la Drome* a very interesting story about a

woman who has excited much interest at Valence. The name of the woman is Hypsen, by birth a Prussian, mother of four children, and the wife of an infirm man. Driven by necessity and starvation she disguised herself as a man, under the name of Michel. For five years she worked hard as a "navvy" at the railways. Attired as a man, she passed for a young man of about 20 or 22 years, though she was more than 30 years old. Her father, I thought, had always ab-

erved the great solicitude with which the young labourer watched over her husband, whom she described as her father, as also over her four children, whom she passed off as her brothers and sisters. It was observed that the youngest of the children, whom she secretly suckled, was the object of her particular care. Her general conduct was also generally admired, and her assiduous industry was such as to in-

duce the foreman to raise her wages 25 centimes above those of the others. The imposition was at last discovered, and astonishment soon gave way to admiration, which, ere long, manifested itself in sympathy and donations from all parts of the neighbourhood. She herself did not think anything of what she had done in pure dictation of her feelings, and when at last she was attired as became her sex, all she was afraid of was the incongruence of the female dress in

her daily labour. However, work more suited to her sex has since been amply provided for her.

THE COSMOS INSTITUTE.—We are glad to find that a geographical institution has lately been organized for the purpose of popularizing and diffusing a better knowledge of that growingly important science. It is proposed by the association to purchase Mr. Widdell's "Great Globe," an interesting map, and to

surround the present building with rooms and galleries devoted to museums, libraries, lecture theatres, and other apartments. Retaining the model of the earth in its present position, it is intended to add to the present extensive collection all the maps, charts, and geographical works published throughout the world—inviting foreign governments to contribute towards its geographical treasures, so that the public may have

ready access to the best sources of information on this and the allied sciences. It is further proposed, to maintain a competent body of demonstrators and lecturers; to hold meetings at which scientific papers shall be read and discussed; and to uphold a library and reading-room, where the most important newspapers, English, Foreign, and Colonial, will be filed—where the maps, charts, engravings, books, and transactions of learned societies can be conveniently con-

ARRAN.—We understand that the Duke of Hamilton has just purchased the whole of that portion of the Island of Arran which belonged to Lord Rossmore, at the price £51,000. The rental of Lord Rossmore's property in Arran was upwards of about £800 a year.

property in Arran only amounted to about *£2000* annum; and thus, it is seen, the Duke has given for it at the rate of sixty-four years' purchase. Arran has always been a favourite spot of the Duke; and he has shown his partiality for it by giving this unprecedented price to Lord Rossmore. The Duke now becomes proprietor of the whole island, with a small exception belonging to Mr. Fullarton. — *Glasgow Reformer's Gazette.*

Number of hauls	<i>A. balearicum</i> (%)	<i>A. balearicum</i> + <i>A. balearicum</i> + <i>A. balearicum</i> (%)
1	100	0
2	50	50
3	33	67
4	25	75
5	20	80
6	17	83
7	14	86
8	12	88
9	11	89
10	10	90

www.nla.gov.au/nla.news-page1

gen-va, 116 barrels gunpowder, 20,434 bricks, 88 bogsheada beer

tively favourable, and the miners at the various localities in that neighbourhood appear generally satisfied with the result of their labours. At Tarrangower a new 'rush' has been made to a flat close to the little dig, and the workings here give promise of good results, as several are already yielding a tolerably rich harvest. A few days ago a party at work at Kingwood, a few miles from Tarrangower, dug up a nugget of gold weighing twenty-three pounds eight ounces, whilst others have fallen upon some very large sprinklings of the precious metal, in re-working the ground at Jones' Creek. The diggings at Ambert and Avoca, especially the latter, are becoming favourite resorts for operations, because it has been ascertained that the gold is more equally distributed here than at most of the other workings. The rumored richness of the

Continuation of the Unreserved Sale, on FRIDAY, the 28th April
To Drapers, Country Storekeepers, Dealers, and others.
The extensive Drapery Stock of Mr. J. E. Woods, Pitt-street,
consisting of
Woolen Goods
Blankets, Sheetings, 73 inch
Slops, Clothing
Scottish Twill and Rosetta Shirts

PURKIS and **LAMBERT** have been favoured with instructions from Mr. J. T. Woods, First-street, in consequence of his being about to leave Sydney, to sell by auction the premises, First-street, THIS DAY, 26th instant, at 11 o'clock.

The whole of his well-selected stock of drapery, cloths, woollen goods, haberdashery, &c., &c., consisting of, as follows,

GLAZIERS,

Fancy shawls, woollen, and cotton cord trousers

SHIRTMAKERS

Shirts, and coats and vests

Boys' clothing in great variety
Rays, raglan shirts, washed and boxed
Men's superior white shirts
Lambrocco vests and pants
American pen coats
Hats and serge shirts
Flax and flannel trousers
Tun cases Scotch twill shirts
Hawthorn, 9-1 to 15-4, coloured and white
Flannels, counterpane
Printed corsets, soap and India fancy silk handkerchiefs
Black knit and Paris hats
Knee and cotton hose
Grey and white shirting, 72 inch
Irish linen, Haverhill longcloth, all summers
Rough and dressed linen, linen drawers
Cotton and linen dusters, union and linen huckaback
Linen and union dunnaks
Colton and cotton checks
Dress and white serges

Blue, scarlet, and fancy guernseys
Moshkin in pine, drab, millers' drab, and fancy moles
Fancy and black doekies
Pile cloths and fancy vestings
PIKE GRUINS,
French hosiery, in great variety
Ditto and fancy corbans
Ditto and black alpines
Black and coloured mittens
Coloured and worsted damasks
Gala plaids, 3-4 and 4-4
All wool and hard tartan plaids
Cushmere and delaine dresses
Prints, 7-8 and 9-8
Furniture prints
Oil baize, reacting and gothic window blinds
Window bolaniads, woolen plaids
Cushmere and woolen long shawls
All wool long shawls
Silkies, cambrages, forfers

Bonnet sleeves, crenelines, and corded skirts
blue and striped hangings.
LACE GOODS, in great variety.
Ribbons, flowers
Women's and girls' stays
Carnations, muslin aprons
Superb real Canton crape shawls
Kid gloves, silk habits
Belt jackets
White and coloured roll linings
Habitribes, blonds, nets, plain and fancy
Parasols, brown and fancy silk
HABERDASHERY.
Tapes, needles, thread, pins, bobbins, &c.
Fans and hair brush.

And innumerable variety of useful and numerous for an advertisement.

The attention of drapers, haberdashers, and others, is particularly requested to the above list. The stock is in the order, and the prices are fixed and to be sold positively. This is an opportunity that should not be lost sight of.

Terms, liberal, at sale.

TUESDAY, 2d May.
Seven Cases, just landed ex Yamaca.
To Ironmongers, Gunsmiths, Dealers, Cutlers, Jewellers, and
others.
Single and double-barrelled Guns
Hardware, Japanese Ware
Plated Ware
Ditto Jewellery
Table Cutlery
Plated Cruets, 4, 5, 6, 7 holes
Carpenter's Tools
Watch Materials, &c. &c.

PURKIS and LAMBERT have received in-
structions from the Consignee, Mr. Hyam Davis,
to sell by auction, at their Mart, 41, George-street, on **TUESDAY,**
the 2d May, at 11 o'clock sharp, without reserve,
The following first-class and second-hand goods, suitable for dealers

and others—

CASE No. 1.

Sets gold ground testings
Steel snuffers and gottle-japanned trays
Steel snuff, gottle, gottle trays
Pecussion cage
Japanned bread-trays
Sets 60 pieces white bone-handled knives and forks
Sets tin balance-handled ditto ditto
Sets ditto watered ditto ditto
Black plated carvers
Silver-plated guard chains

CASE No. 2.

Elveto electro-plate and tablepoons and forks
Ditto sugar-tongs
Sets fire-iron, double head and cut head
Sets bronze hand ditto
Sung carves and forks, and steels
Tefalging machines
Gilt watch keys

Black horn-handls carvers and forks
CASE No. 2.
Mahogany cane knives and forks, 50 pieces
Small and large table knives
Plated steels and bits
White bone breaster knives and forks
Carpenter's box-wed hand tools
Silver-mounted snuff and trays
Silver electro guard chains
Japanned foot-baths
Blue steel and double-joint spectacles
Steel ditto ditto
Gold ball, steel seconds, spade hands
Plated brooches, rings, and lockets
Ditto Alberts and studs
Plated table candlesticks
Table knives and forks
CASE No. .
Plated candlesticks
Ditto chamber ditto

Plated cruet, 4, 5, 7 bottles
Revolving cruet and egg cruet
Pierced and chased 7 foot cruet
Plated liquor stands and pickle stands
No. 1 superior patent breech, single barrel, percussion gun
4 ditto ditto, single barrel, rifle
3 ditto, double-barrelled gun, patent breech
1 superior double barrel gun, with apparatus
No thousand percussion cap
Iron table spoons, compasses, weighing machines
Crucibles and steels

CASE No. 6.
Saw knives, in mahogany cases
Black turned cutters
Silver-electro guards
Plated table spoons, teaspoons
Patent hammers and pinners
Table vices, compasses
Copper powder flasks

CASE No. 7
 Plated toast racks
 Electro-plated sugar crushers
 Plated candlesticks, candelabra brooches
 Lunette watch glasses
 Watch bands, vases
 Musical box keys
 German-silver brooch tongs
 Shell combs
 Plated cake baskets
 Shot pouches

TERMS, cash.—No reserve

Messrs. James Dwyer and Sons' Boots and Shoes.
 Recently-sewn Trunks.

M^R. CHARLES NEWTON has received
 instructions from Messrs. Lyall, Scott, and

Seventy-seven trunks boots and shoes, from the above elite
 The following is a list of the boots and shoes, and certainly the best that have
 been manufactured for some time.

Gen's best town-made enamelled leather napoleon
 boots

Ditto extra long indiarubber miners' boots

Ditto town-made grain hanting boots

Ditto ditto enamelled napoleon boots

Ditto ditto grain ditto

Ditto ditto calf wellingtons

Ditto ditto stout enamelled leather ditto, elastic sides

Gen's best town-made stout enamelled leather button
 boots

Ditto ditto grain - shooting boots

Gen's best town-made watteright boots

Ditto ditto kip lace ditto

Youths' and boys' stout kip lace boots

Ditto ditto fall copans
 Ditto ditto kip ditto
 Women's stout calf lace boots
 Ladies' best patent calf slippers, welts
 Ditto ditto Spanish ditto ditto
 Ditto ditto ecordeon ditto ditto
 Ditto ditto patent calf ditto ditto
 Ditto ditto Spanish ditto ditto
 Ditto ditto lasting ditto ditto
 Ditto patent Spanish, seal and lasting slippers, pump
 -ins
 Ditto ditto black kid opera slippers
 Ditto ditto bronze ditto
 Ditto best black kid boots, patent goldshod military heels
 elastic sides
 Ditto best cloth ditto
 Ditto ditto eachmore ditto
 Ditto ditto cloth boots, welts
 Ditto ditto eachmore, elastic sides
 Ditto ditto lace
 Ditto best black boots, patent goldshod of feet

Ditto extra and Bertha, pattern, 1000 extra
 Ditto ditto each other ditto
 Ditto ditto and each ditto wets
 Ditto ditto pattern all shoes' wets, straps
 Girls' and molder' hand' each cloth boots, to lace
 Ditto ditto ditto, to button
 Men's buff black slippers
 Ditto carpet and Bertha ditto
 Ladies' carpet and Bertha ditto
 Men's Albert slippers
 Ditto extra percha overshoes
 Ladies' ditto ditto
 Children's ditto ditto
 The above goods are all landed, in excellent order, and will, as usual, be sold at without reserve.
 N.B.—This sale will commence at half-past ten o'clock precisely, in consequence of the nomination at twelve o'clock.
 Terms at Auction.

KING-STREET AUCTION MART.

A Sales by public auction and private treaty daily; new and second-hand furniture bought and sold; cash advanced on goods for immediate sale; real estate practically attended to.

J. M. HUGHES, Auctioneer.

